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THREE IMPORTANT COMMUNIST FIGURES IN HONG KONG

Since the "democratic personages" who have been staying in Hong Kong left for the north, Hong Kong's political arena has been somewhat deserted, but as far as Communists are concerned it is still an important political center. Not only is antigovernment propaganda still an important business here, but Hong Kong is also a focus for liaison with the British and for supervising party work in the southern islands. So Hong Kong's political significance has not been diminished. Below are sketched some of Hong Kong's leading Communist personalities.

1. Liao Ch'eng-chih (Ueda: 2982, 3690, 3179)

Mao Tse-tung chose this nimble, cunning, and self-indulgent, yet versatile, man to direct Party work in South China. He has been Party Secretary of the Communist Party for South China for the last 10 years, and is a Party member of 20 years' standing.

He joined the Party in 1925, when a student at Waseda University in Japan. In 1928, he was sent by the Party to organize the seamen in Hamburg and Dutch ports, where he had much success. On returning to China, he was often arrested but repeatedly escaped. After 1932 he gave up propaganda work, devoting himself to army political work. He became head of the Central Committee's publication bureau, and chief editor of the Liberation Weekly. Because of his familiarity with English, German, and Japanese, he is highly regarded by Mao Tse-tung.

Liao, now 43, has a promising future. He is a candidate for membership in the Central Committee.

2. "Red Nose" (8739, 14809, 2262)

This fellow is active in Canton and along the East River, where he has considerable prestige as a fighter ready to bear hardship, clever in arousing sentiment, and good at guerrilla tactics, thus winning Mao's respect.

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He is of medium size and looks like a peasant. His nose is like a hog's liver, giving him the nickname of "Red Nose." He joined the Communist party early and, in the expeditions against East Kwangtung, was made chairman of the Ch'ao-an Peasants' Council. After the KMT-CCP split, he engaged in underground activity around the East River, where he organized guerrillas during the Sino-Japanese war, causing the enemy many headaches. In 1946, working on a truce team, he assisted in removing certain Communist brigades from Kwangtung to Shantung. In the last 2 years, he has been planning military campaigns in South China. His nominal position is secretary of the Hong Kong branch of the CCP.

3. Ch'iao-mu (1425, 4707)

This man's real name is Ch'iao Kuan-hua (1425, 646, 9921). A native of T'ai-hsing in Kiangsu, he is now 35 years old. He is very tall, with pale white cheeks, so people at once recognize him as a typical pale-faced scholar. Although he now holds a rather important position in the Communist party, he is not at all arrogant in manner, but will go informally to a friend's for a chat, and it is generally said that he is quite an advocate of freedom.

He is a brilliant thinker and an accomplished linguist, being familiar with English, French, Japanese, Belgian, and Russian. At present, he is an important writer on international problems for the Communists. With this natural capacity, he is of course a power in left-wing circles in Hong Kong.

He is also at home in military matters, having taken part in the Spanish civil war. His wife, Kung P'eng, (14882, 6572) is also very versatile, having been at one time private secretary to Chou En-lai. She is now in England doing international propaganda work for the Chinese Communists.

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